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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

BENNINGTON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1877.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Henry J. Burtt, Prudential Committee.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The Spring, Fall and Winter Terms of this department were taught by Miss Emma F. Robertson, who *taught the same school last year*, and I think with continued satisfaction to all who feel an interest in the welfare of the school. She is easy and pleasant, as well as decided in her discipline, and at the same time wins the affection of her pupils. And I trust her services may be continued in this department. Whole length of terms, 29 weeks.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

The Spring and Fall terms of this department were taught by Miss Abbie C. Morse, a lady of fine culture and experience *as a teacher*, having taught fifty-two months, and she labored diligently for the interest of the school, which at the close bore a good examination. Terms, 18 weeks.

WINTER TERM.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. F. B. Richards,—a live teacher who appeared to give his whole

energy to the interest of the school, and at the close gave good evidence, to a large number of visitors, that the school had been conducted by an energetic teacher. Term, 11 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

James E. Favor, Prudential Committee.

Leona Chaney, Teacher.

This district had two terms,—summer and winter, and the district was fortunate in their selection of so good a teacher. She carried into the school energy and promptness, which was diffused into the scholars and manifested in the ready response to all the questions asked; and the interest in their school manifested by the scholars, gave evidence that the deep snows were no terrors to them.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This school has one winter term of thirteenweeks, taught by Mr. Rogers. And this year, (it being a union district) is under the control of Greenfield. I was not advised of its commencement, but I visited it once, and it gave good evidence of success, considering their advantages (a private house), but from appearances they had a good instructor. I found this a small school, with, I think, nine scholars, and but *one* from Bennington, and that one scholar drawing $38.73 from this town, with no school house fit for use. Comments are unnecessary.

REMARKS.

In presenting this report of the condition of our schools, I can but congratulate you for the advance-

ment made in your educational facilities within the last six years. Previous to that time, and since the incorporation of our town in 1842, we had *five* school districts in town, the fifth, as now, connected with Greenfield; two of them in the village, numbering 1 and 2, one at the north part and one at the east part of the town. And now we find the two in the village united under one roof of as fine a building and with all the modern privileges and advantages for educational purposes as can be found in any village of its size in the old Granite State, and of which we may well feel a proper degree of pride. The districts Nos. 3 and 4 are also united, and I think with two-fold advantages, and trust to the satisfaction of all interested in the welfare of the school, and I hope they soon will make such needed improvements in their house as the interest of their children may seem to demand.

Parents and children, allow me to say, improve these advantages as a rich boon, within the reach of all. With the advantages afforded in our schools at the present time, I can see no good reason why children, at the age of sixteen, cannot make as much advancement in their educational studies as they could twenty-five years ago at the age of twenty-one years.

Now, parents, let me urge upon you the importance of seeing that your children attend the school every day, if possible. Prompt to time, obedient to their teachers, and inculcating into their minds as much as possible, a fondness of books and a love of reading, and your schools will prosper, and your children will grow up and call you blessed.

Children, make self-culture a study; cultivate self-respect, and you will be respected, and gain treasures more precious than diamonds set in pearls.

ROLL OF HONOR.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE-HALF DAY.

	TERMS. 1st.	2nd.	3d.		TERMS. 1st.	2nd.	3d.
George Coggin,	"	"		Addie M. Taylor,	"	"	
Cornie Dickey,	"			Gracie E. Wilson,	"	"	
Guy Dickey,	"	"		Mamie L. Woods,	"	"	
Maybel Dickey,	"			James J. Griswold,	"		"
Lonnie George,	"	"	"	Harry A. Knights,	"		
George A. Gray,	"	"	"	David E. Rogers,	"		
Annie Garside,	"	"	"	Fred A. Wilson,	"	"	"
Lula B. Ross,	"		"	Lizzie Eaton,		"	
Mary L. Martin,	"	"	"	Lenora G. Dodge,		"	
John C. Dodge,		"		Nancy S. Dickey,		"	
Ellen Eaton,		"		Lila A. Flagg,		"	
Eddie George,		"		Fred A. Dixon,		"	"
Freddie Knights,		"	"	Fred A. Garside,		"	
Effie Ross,		"	"	Henry A. George,		"	"
Eddie S. Whitney,	"	"	"	Willie B. Whitney,		"	"
Mary Wilson,			"	Adah M. Colby,	"	"	
Forest Wilson,			"	Annie F. Colby,	"		
George Knights,			"	Freddie H. Colby,	"	"	
Charles H. Gray,			"	Willie Colby,	"	"	
Hillie S. Burtt.		"	"	James R. Colby,	"		
Jennie G. Dodge,	"	"		Edward A. Newton,		"	

Whole amount of School Money for 1876-7, $761.50; District No. 1, $605.60; District No. 2, $117.17; District No. 3, $38.73.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. FLAGG,

S. S. Com. of Bennington.

Bennington, March 1, 1877.

TABULAR VIEW

Of the Public Schools in Bennington, for 1876–7.

Teachers.	Number of Terms.	Number of Districts.	Weeks of school.	Number of scholars.	Males.	Females.	Average attendance.	Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Not absent one-half day.	Number attending Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Book-Keeping.	Other Studies.	Wages of teacher per month, including board.	Visits by S. S. Committee.	Visits by Prudendial Com.	Visits by citizens and others.	Average amount expended on each scholar per week.
PRIMARY DEPT.																							Cts.
Emma F. Robertson	1	1	10	31	15	16	29⅝	1	0	11	31	31	10	13	..	8	..	..	$36 00	3	1	11	30
" "	2	2	8	31	15	16	28¾	22	1	14	31	31	11	14	..	14	..	..	36 00	3	1	30	31
" "	3	3	11	26	15	11	24	33	0	16	26	26	13	13	..	13	..	..	36 00	3	1	54	37
GRAMMAR DEPT.																							
Abby C. Morse	1	1	10	29	16	13	22	33	12	11	29	29	9	29	9	23	..	10	37 28	5	1	50	42
" "	2	1	8	27	18	9	22¼	25	5	12	27	27	10	27	9	20	..	15	37 60	4	1	23	42
F. B. Richards	3	3	11	31	20	11	28¾	49	0	7	31	31	20	28	9	20	..	24	44 00	4	1	59	38
Leona Chaney	1	2	8	9	6	3	8⅜	0	0	6	9	9	3	3	..	..	1	..	13 20	2	0	21	55
"	2	2	13	9	5	4	7⅞	0	0	3	9	9	5	5	..	..	2	1	21 20	2	0	14	66

TEXT BOOKS IN USE.

Bible; Hillard's series of Readers; Progressive Speller; Colburn's Mental and Greenleaf's series of Arithmetics; Cornell's and Harper's Geographies; Kerl's Grammars; Quackenbos' History of U. S.; Writing—Dunton & Scribner's system.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year ending March 1, 1877.

The Selectmen to the Town,

Dr.

To tax on Favor's list of 1875,	$ 310 94	
Hill's list of 1873,	105 57	
Whitney's list of 1874,	87 80	
Favor's list of 1876,	3675 90	
		$4180 21

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By abatement on F. M. Hill's list of 1873,	$ 73 75	
Balance sold, on Whitney's list of 1874,	62 80	
Favor's list of 1875,	4 60	
Favor's list of 1876,	19 33	
Paying treasurer from Favor's list of 1875,	236 00	
Favor's list of 1876,	3361 02	
Hill's list of 1873,	31 82	
Uncollected tax on Favor's list of 1875,	53 47	
Error on abatement on tax of 1875,	16 87	
Paying treasurer from Whitney's list of 1874,	25 00	
Discount on Taxes,	133 64	
Uncollected tax on Favor's list of 1876,	161 91	
		$4180 21

Hartwell Lakin, Treasurer, to the Town,

Dr.

To balance in treasury, March 1, 1876,	$ 435 55	
Note and receipt of J. D. Butler, paid March 1, 1876,	378 98	
Tax on F. M. Hill's list of 1873,	31 82	
Tax on James E. Favor's list of 1875,	236 00	
Cash from Wm. H. Wilson for town hall,	18 00	
Interest on tax of 1875,	4 41	
Interest on tax of 1876,	7 10	
Non-resident highway receipts,	106 53	
Tax from Whitney's list of 1874,	25 00	
Cash from Favor's list of 1876,	3254 49	
Cash from G. E. Kimball, for bridge plank,	1 50	
Railroad Tax,	19 69	
Savings Bank Tax,	243 43	
Literary Fund,	47 70	
		$4810 20

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By paying State tax,	$580 00	
County tax,	328 72	
Non-resident highway receipts on Favor's list,	106 53	
		$1015 44

SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1, Henry J. Burtt,	$605 60	
" " 2, James E. Favor,	117 17	
" " 3,	38 73	
		$761 50

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid for three County paupers, for fares from Greenfield to Alton Bay, per order of Benj. D. Felch,	$14 85	
Benj. D. Felch, for fares to Lewiston, Maine, for two paupers,	7 50	
Geo. A. Ayer, feeding and care of tramps,	35 00	
Geo. A. Ayer, for lodging and care of paupers,	38 00	
Geo. A. Whittemore, for crackers and cheese,	1 55	
		$96 90

ROADS AND BRIDGES (in addition to Highway Tax).

Paid Alfred Gray,	$ 2 00	
Abram Burtt,	25	
Henry Newton,	8 50	
John W. Flagg,	1 50	
Wm. Taylor, snowing bridge,	3 00	
Benj. D. Felch, lumber and work,	7 79	
C. B. Caldwell,	3 00	
Wm. L. Taylor,	11 82	
Benj. D. Felch,	8 25	
Alfred Rogers,	6 75	
Levi Colby,	2 00	
Geo. E. Colby,	3 45	
Benj. Bullard,	1 41	
David Roach,	1 31	
Royal V. Knight,	2 25	
Horace Rogers,	14 75	
John W. Flagg,	4 50	
James E. Favor,	5 25	
Wm. H. Thomas,	1 35	
John L. Fleming,	1 65	
Wm. L. Taylor,	1 50	
James Pond,	1 12	
Alfred Gray,	8 75	
John H. Fleming,	4 50	
Geo. W. Ross,	6 80	
Wesley Wilson,	11 25	
John Flagg,	7 41	
G. A. Whittemore,	1 31	
James E. Favor,	95	
John Flagg,	2 00	
		$136 37

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid I. W. Sweetser,	$ 8 65	
J. Carkin,	2 50	
G. W. Burns,	6 00	
E. E. Smith,	2 42	
J. M. Quimby,	2 10	
H. Newton,	5 00	
G. W. Burns,	42 90	
T. H. Newton,	20 25	
Wm. Gillis,	3 00	
I. W. Sweetser,	18 55	
Levi Colby,	2 00	
Wm. Gillis,	49 47	
Benj. Bullard,	3 23	
B. D. Felch,	15 47	
David Roach,	31 80	
Horace Rogers,	42 75	
J. W. Flagg,	1 35	
J. C. Dodge,	25 80	
J. E. Favor,	10 10	
J. W. Flagg,	9 35	
Wm. H. Thomas,	1 97	
Wm. L. Taylor,	5 75	
J. Pond,	5 47	
John Flagg,	3 00	
Luther Chaney,	2 85	
		$321 73

MONEY PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Benj. D. Felch, 1st Selectman,	$31 75	
James E. Favor, 2d Selectman,	30 36	
Charles B. Caldwell, 3d Selectman,	27 00	
Wesley Wilson, Clerk,	12 00	
Harcwell Lakin, Treasurer,	15 00	
John W. Flagg, Superintending School Committee,	16 00	
James E. Favor, Collector,	37 33	
Benj. D. Felch, Overseer of Poor,	13 25	
Henry J. Burtt, Auditor,	3 00	
John Flagg, Auditor,	2 00	
		$187 69

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid John D. Butler,	$378 98
Alfred Rogers,	45 63
Wm. B. Walker,	50 00
Sarah West,	20 00
Emerson Favor,	10 00
Lydia Pollard,	138 98
Wm. B. Walker,	25 00
S. A. Walker,	10 47
Abram Burtt,	12 00
Emerson Favor,	50 00
S. A. Walker,	163 72
Sarah West,	240 00
Susan M. Pitcher,	262 22
Sarah West,	5 00
John W. Flagg,	18 50
Amos Whittemore,	12 00

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID (continued).

Sarah West,	10 00	
Sarah West,	15 00	
Sarah West,	134 95	
Mary Bell,	138 33	
		$1740 78

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid B. W. Sanborn & Co.,	$ 6 75	
Geo. W. Rines, painting guide-boards,	9 00	
Geo. W. Rines,	2 25	
Farnum & Scott, printing,	18 00	
Gilman Foote, work on lobby,	7 50	
Abram Burtt, guide-boards,	75	
G. W. Burns, lumber,	51 86	
Express on money for State tax,	60	
G. W. Burns, lumber and lobby,	88 74	
Amos Whittemore, for paying Scott & Clark, insurance on hall,	46 00	
M. D. & A. M. Poor, filling bed,	1 00	
Geo. E. Colby, bridge plank,	7 14	
Royal V. Knight, cupboard and wood-box,	14 10	
Albert B. Lawrence, care of engine,	25 00	
F. M. Hills, tolling bell,	1 50	
James E. Favor, counsel,	4 35	
Wm. L. Taylor, watering trough,	1 50	
Alfred Gray, care of tramps,	3 00	
Levi Colby watering trough,	3 00	
Geo. E. Colby, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00	
A. & G. A. Whittemore, rent of engine house,	12 00	
Benj. D. Felch, books and papers,	1 89	
Benj. D. Felch, watering trough,	1 50	
James E. Favor, watering trough,	1 50	
Hartwell Lakin, horse-hire,	5 00	
Benj. D. Felch, horse and car fare,	9 50	
Wm. H. Wilson, care of town hall,	12 00	
C. J. Kimball, for engine company,	65 50	
C. B. Caldwell, bed tick and blankets for lobby,	2 50	
Wm. H. Wilson, expense of town hall,	12 65	
Nathan Whitney,	75 00	
Richard Bishop,	1 00	
		$496 08

RECAPITULATION.

Money and receipts put into the Treasurer's hands from March 1, 1876, to March 1, 1877,		$4810 20

We credit the treasurer with paying the following sums:

By paying State and County tax,	$ 908 72	
Non-resident highway receipts on Favor's list,	106 53	
School Orders,	761 50	
Support of Paupers,	96 90	
Roads and Bridges,	136 37	
Breaking Roads,	321 73	
Notes and Interest paid,	1740 78	
Town Officers,	187 69	
Miscellaneous Town Expenses,	496 08	
		$4756 30
Leaving a balance in the treasury of		$53 90

TOWN LIABILITIES.

S. Maria Taylor, note dated	Sept. 19, 1871,	$ 368 38
Dorcas P. Flagg,	Feb. 10, 1872,	1237 84
Isaac Proctor,	Feb, 19, 1872,	81 05
John W. Flagg,	Feb. 28, 1873,	315 76
Wm. Eaton,	Nov. 1, 1873,	996 86
Josie M. Taylor,	Nov. 18, 1873,	485 92
J. A. Whittemore,	Jan. 28, 1874,	598 77
Geo. E. Hills,	Jan. 28, 1874,	148 78
Rachel Wilson,	March 1, 1874,	256 53
Lydia Pollard,	April 15, 1874,	1171 78
Mrs. S. Abbott,	Jan. 8, 1875,	80 43
Mary E. Dodge,	March 1, 1875,	461 94
Josephine F. Gray,	Sept. 21, 1875,	217 65
Betsy Burtt,	Oct. 1, 1875,	268 49
Abram Burtt,	Aug. 30, 1871,	203 06
C. S. A. Hodskins,	June 5, 1871,	313 42
Emerson Favor,	Feb. 19, 1876,	54 25
Congregational Society,	Feb. 6, 1876,	200 76
David Rogers,	March 1, 1876,	159 00
Alfred Rogers,	March 1, 1876,	530 00
Mary C. Eaton,	March 1, 1876,	44 93
John W. Flagg,	March 1, 1876,	1413 76
Town Liabilities,		$9609 36

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Tax on Favor's list of 1875,	$ 53 47	
Tax on Favor's list of 1876,	161 91	
Balance in treasury,	53 90	
		$269 28
Total indebtedness of the town,		$9340 08
Reduction of debt from last year,		$150 45

We have examined the above report of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find it accurately cast and properly vouched.

HENRY J. BURTT, }
JOHN FLAGG, } Auditors.

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS ON JAMES E. FAVOR'S LIST OF 1876.

Armon C. Bullard,	$ 8 35
John D. Cooper,	12 93
Thomas Dixon,	1 90
Nathaniel Dickey,	6 70
Robert E. Dickey,	1 90
Charles Hale,	1 90
~~William Norris,~~	90
Noah G. Payrow,	2 43
Lorenzo D. Richardson,	1 90
Orville Wilson,	1 90
John D. Wilson,	1 90
Mrs. John D. Wilson,	10 07
Frank S. Smith,	3 61
Joel B. Smith,	1 90
~~William H. Thomas,~~	10 79
Job B. Thomas,	6 65
~~James Foote,~~	4 75
William H. Johnson,	1 90
Frances Burnham—heirs,	4 20

REPORT OF THE SEXTON OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1877.

Names.	Age. y.	m.	d.	Date of death.	Disease.	Place of Interment.
Miss Maria N. Sawyer,	71	7		March 30,	Cancer.	Francestown.
Mrs. Hannah M. Burtt,	61	11		April 2,	Paralysis.	Bennington.
Mrs. Almina E. Holt,	50		4	April 21,	Brain Dis.	Bennington.
Mr. Wm. B. Walker,	75			Aug. 27,	Apoplexy.	Bennington.
Mr. Asa Holt,	59	9		Oct. 2,	Suicide.	Bennington.
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Putnam,	51			Nov. 8,	Suicide.	Bennington.
Mr. Charles Kendall,	69			Dec. 1,	Heart Dis.	Nashua.
Mr. Solomon Dodge,	72			Dec. 9,	Old Age.	Franklin.
Mrs. Esther Woods,	68			Dec. 20,	Cons'ption.	Bennington.

In addition to the above, the following person was brought here for interment:

Daniel Brown, died in Henniker, aged 55 years, of heart disease.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HILLS, Sexton.

February 20, 1877.

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